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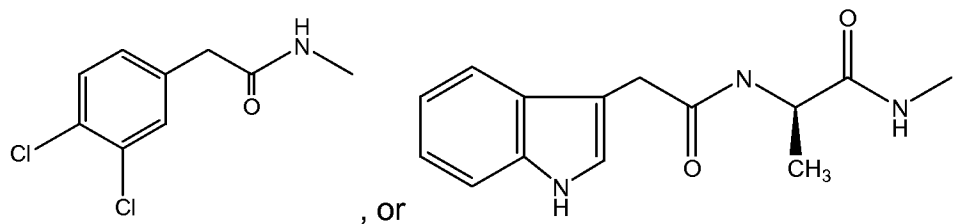
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Amendments to the Claims:

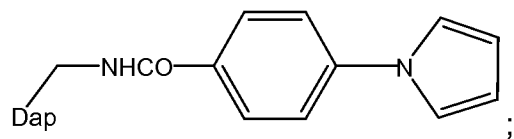
Please amend Claims 1, 8 and 99-102 as set forth below:

1. (Currently amended) An inhibitor of a protein kinase $C\alpha$ ($PKC\alpha$), the inhibitor comprising

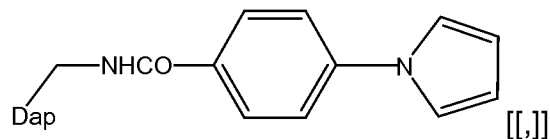
A-Ala-Arg-Arg-X-B-Hyd-C-D- (SEQ ID NO:1), where A =AcHN-,



X=any amino acid ~~or amino acid mimetic~~; B=Ala or a diaminopropionic acid (Dap) derivative having the formula



Hyd=Phe, Leu or Ile; C=Arg or Lys; and D=Ala or a Dap derivative having the formula



~~wherein any of the amino acids can alternatively be an analogous amino acid mimetic.~~

2-6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The inhibitor of claim 1, wherein the $PKC\alpha$ is a human $PKC\alpha$.

8. (Currently amended) An inhibitor of a protein kinase $C\alpha$ ($PKC\alpha$), the inhibitor

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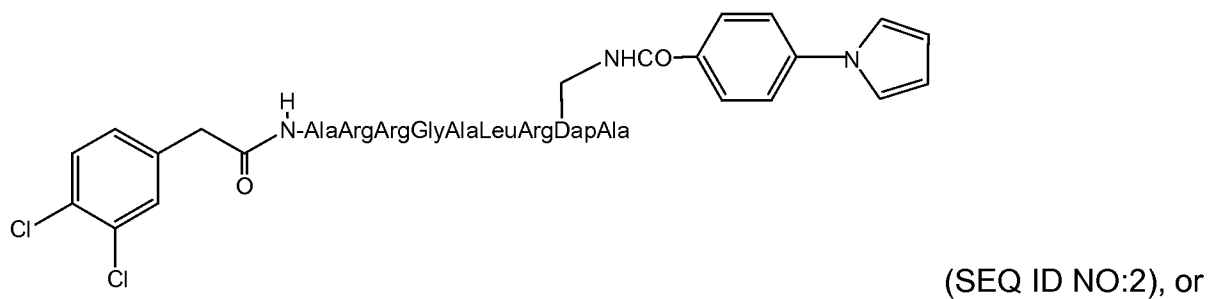
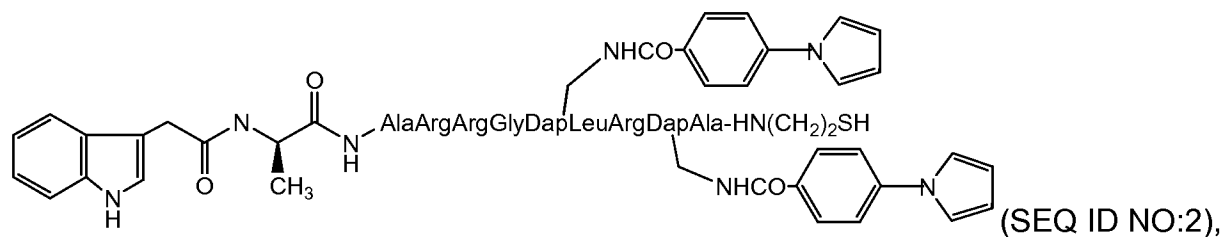
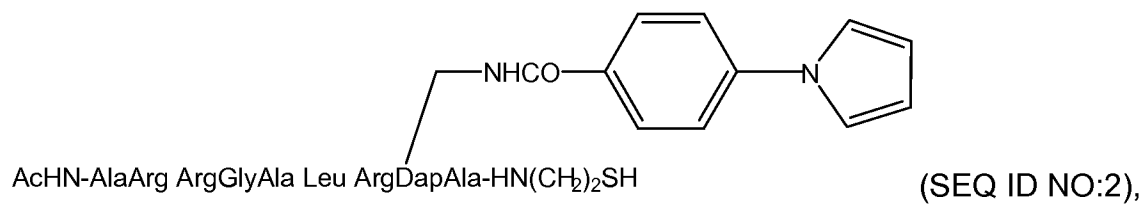
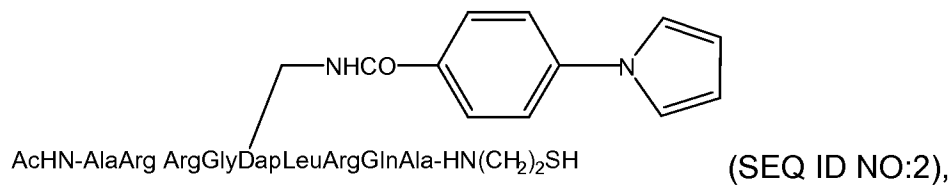
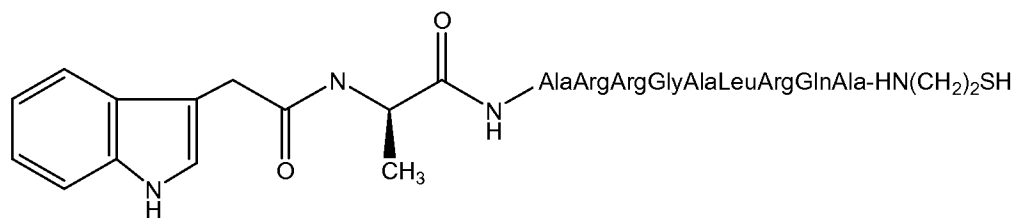
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The inhibitor of claim 1, comprising



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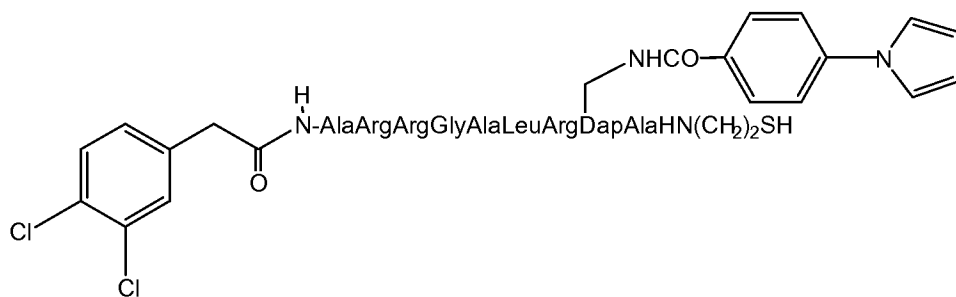
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9-93. (Canceled)

94. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, having an $IC_{50} < 50 \mu\text{M}$ for the $\text{PKC}\alpha$.

95. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, having an $IC_{50} < 10 \mu\text{M}$ for the $\text{PKC}\alpha$.

96. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, having an $IC_{50} < 1 \mu\text{M}$ for the $\text{PKC}\alpha$.

97. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, wherein the inhibitor has an IC_{50} for the $\text{PKC}\alpha < 0.1$ that of any other PKC isoform.

98. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, wherein the inhibitor has an IC_{50} for the $\text{PKC}\alpha < 0.01$ that of any other PKC isoform.

99. (Currently amended) The inhibitor of claim 8[[1]], comprising

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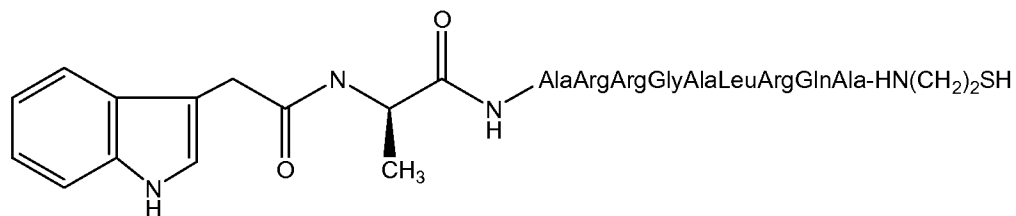
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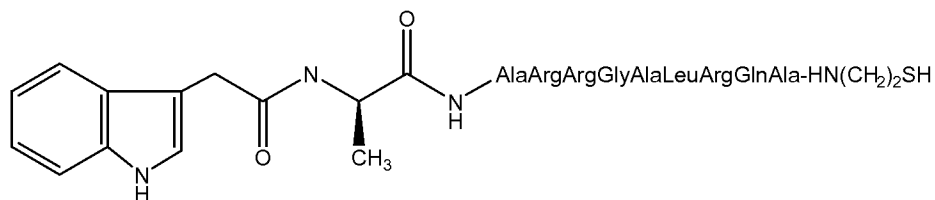
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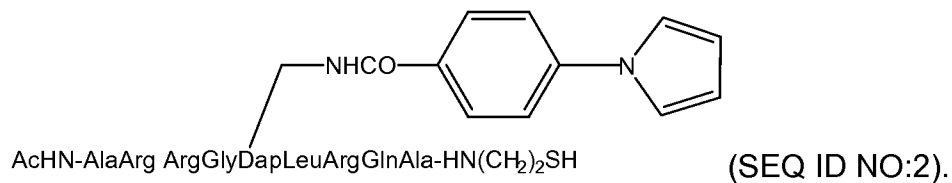
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100. (Currently amended) The inhibitor of claim 8[[1]], consisting of



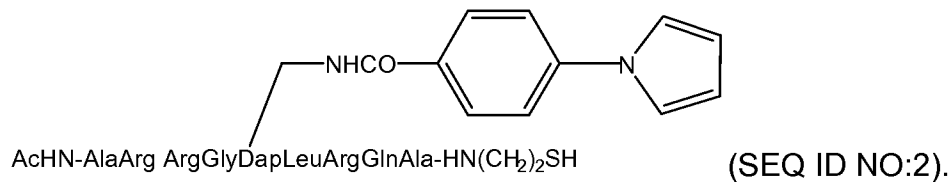
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101. (Currently amended) The inhibitor of claim 8[[1]], comprising



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102. (Currently amended) The inhibitor of claim 8[[1]], consisting of



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103. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, comprising

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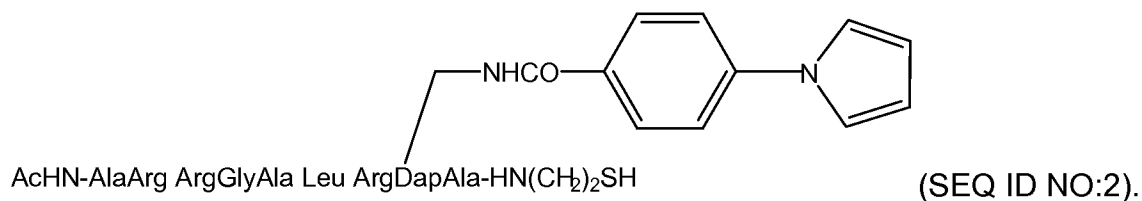
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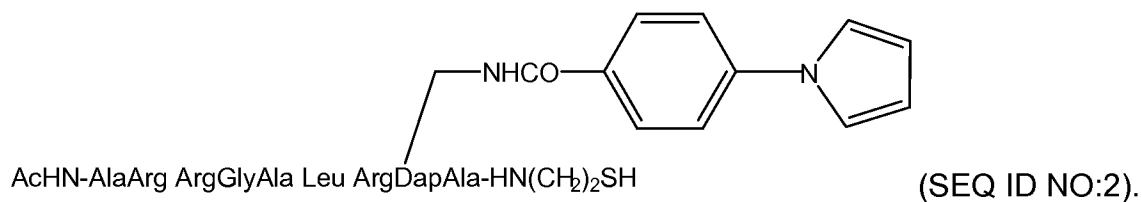
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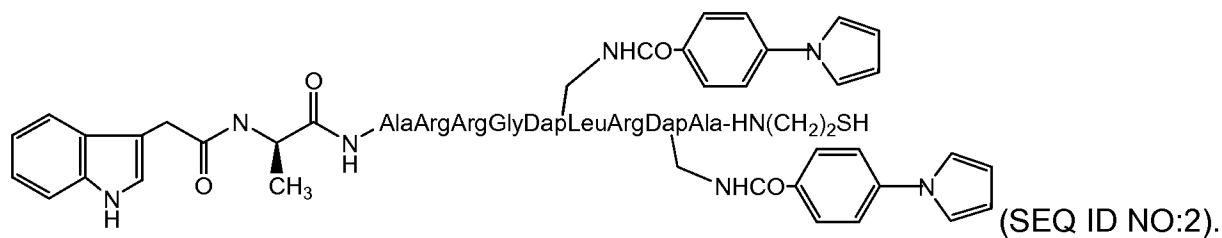
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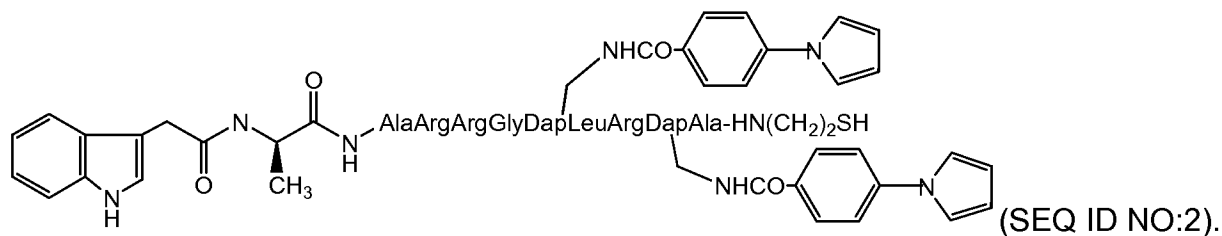
104 (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, consisting of



105. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, comprising



106. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, consisting of



107. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, comprising

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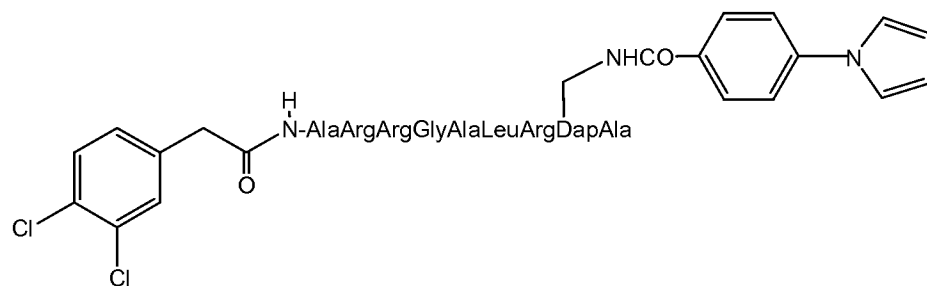
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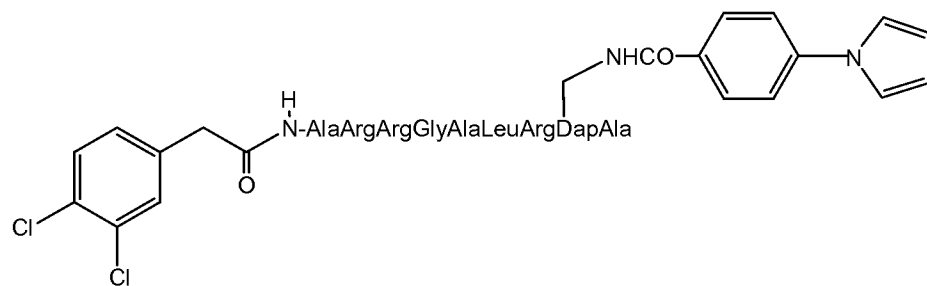
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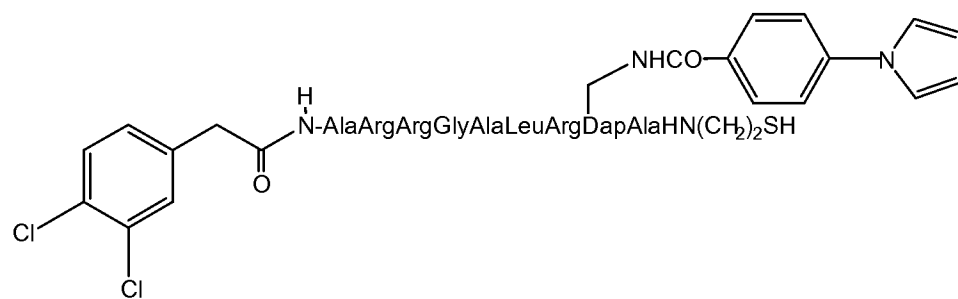
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108. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, consisting of



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109. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, comprising



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110. (Previously presented) The inhibitor of claim 1, consisting of

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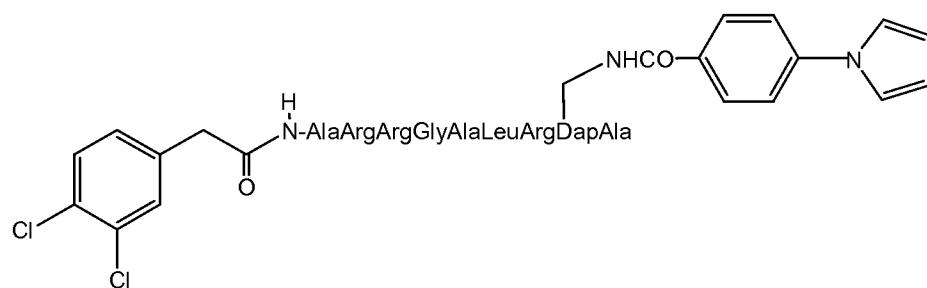
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